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SUBJECT: BERLIN PRESS QUESTIONS WHETHER BERLIN-SAARBUECKEN
SERVICE WILL BEGIN

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1. IN LAST FEW DAYS, BERLIN PRESS HAS GONE FROM STORIES THAT
AIR ALSACE DIRECT SERVICE BETWEEN BERLIN AND SAARBUECKEN WILL
BEGIN APRIL 3 TO ARTICLES QUESTIONING WHETHER SERVICE WILL BE
INSTITUTED AT ALL. ACCORDING TO SPANDAUER VOLKSBLATT MARCH 24,
REASON FOR AIR ALSACE NOT STARTING ON TIME WAS THAT FOKKER
AIRPLANE WORKS COULD NOT GUARANTEE THE PROVISION OF SPARE PARTS
FOR THE VFW 614 AIRCRAFT WHICH WOULD BE USED IN BERLIN-SAAR-
BUECKEN ROUTE. BERLINER MORGENPOST ON MARCH 29 CARRIED FOKKER
CLAIM THAT INDEED FOKKER HAD OBLIGATED ITSELF TO PROVIDE SPARE
PARTS AND WOULD DO SO; FOKKER HAD GUARANTEED SUPPLY OF SPARE PARTS
FOR THREE-YEAR PERIOD, AND FURTHER WOULD CONSTRUCT A DEPOT FOR
SPARE PARTS IN SAARBUECKEN AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT,
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ACCORDING TO FOKKER.

2. MORGENPOST MARCH 29 CONCLUDED THAT THE DEAL BETWEEN
THE SAAR LAND GOVERNMENT AND AIR ALSACE WAS "AS GOOD AS
WRECKED;" CONSEQUENTLY, THE SAAR WOULD BE SEEKING NEW
CONTACTS WITH AEROAMERICA AND THE BRITISH AIRLINE
INTRA-AIRWAYS IN ORDER TO START BERLIN-SAARBUECKEN SERVICE.

IN AN INTERVIEW ON MARCH 28 CITED IN MORGENPOST
MARCH 29, SAAR MINISTER FO ECONOMICS KLUMPP SHOWED "DIS-
APPOINTMENT" AT AIR ALSACE'S BEHAVIOR. THE DISAPPOINTMENT
WAS PARTICULARLY EXPLAINABLE, MORGENPOST INDICATED, WHEN
ONE REMEMBERED THAT IN A JANUARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN AIR ALSACE
AND KLUMPP, AIR ALSACE PROMISED TO BEGIN BERLIN
SERVICE APRIL 3.

3. FRENCH CONFIRMED AT DEPUTY POLAD MEETING MARCH 29
THAT AIR ALSACE HAD DECIDED NOT TO FLY TO SAARBRUECKEN
ROUTE, GIVING REASON AS TECHINICAL UNCERTAINTIES CITED IN
PRESS. GEORGE

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